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SARATOGA SPRINGS CONFERENCE

JULY 1-6

THE FORTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the American Library Association, will be held at Saratoga Springs, New York, from Monday to Saturday, July 1-6, 1918.

HOTELS

Headquarters for the A. L. A. and also for all its affiliated societies will be the Grand Union Hotel, and all librarians attending are recommended to stop there if convenient, as the grouping of as many as possible under one roof is an important element of success in any Conference. A number of smaller and less expensive hotels, however, are available. Rates prevailing for the Conference are as follows:

Grand Union Hotel (headquarters). American plan exclusively; 680 rooms.

One or two in room without bath, per day, each, \$5.00; two in room with private bath, per day, each, \$6.00; one in room with private bath, per day, \$7.00. Twin beds in over two hundred rooms. Telephone, running water, hot and cold, in all rooms. Spacious verandas, lawns, trees, summer-houses, etc.

Hotel American (three or four doors from Grand Union). Capacity 250; American plan. One or two in room without private bath, per day, each, \$3.00; one or two in room with private bath, per day, each, \$4.00.

Summer Rest Cottages (five or eight minutes walk from Grand Union). Seven double rooms without private bath, with meals, per day, each, \$2.50; 6 single rooms without bath, with meals, per day, \$3.00; 3 double rooms with private bath, with meals, each, per day, \$3.50; 2 double rooms

with hot and cold water and toilet, with meals, each, \$3.00; one suite for three, with meals, \$10.00 per day, and for four, \$12.00 per day; 5 double rooms without bath or toilet, with hot and cold water, with meals, each, per day, \$2.75. Twin beds in all rooms with bath.

Strong Spring Hotel (five or eight minutes walk from Grand Union). Fifty rooms with bath; 20 double rooms without bath; and 20 single rooms without bath. Prices quoted are for room only; for meals add \$3.00 extra per day, each person. One in room without bath, \$1.50 to \$3.00; two in room without bath, each, per day, \$1.50 to \$2.00; one in room with private bath, \$3.00, \$4.00 and up; two in room with private bath, each, per day, \$2.50, \$3.00 and up.

Adelphi Hotel (close to Grand Union). Fifty double rooms, with hot and cold water, twin beds if desired, \$1.50 each for two; \$2.00 for one; 10 rooms with bath, \$2.00 each for two; \$3.00 for one; 15 single rooms at \$1.00 per day. Above prices for room only; restaurant located in hotel.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Assignments to rooms and correspondence concerning all hotel reservations will be handled by a representative of the A. L. A. who should be addressed: American Library Association, care Manager Grand Union Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York. Reservations can, however, be made direct with hotel if preferred. Members who arrange to stop elsewhere than at the hotels here listed are requested to notify the Saratoga Springs representative of the A. L. A., so that their names may appear in the advance register of attendance. Be sure in writing for reservation to state clearly your desire as to price, hotel, arrangements you have made as to roommate, time of arrival, and any other facts which will help our representative in assigning you satisfactory quarters. Be sure to sign your name so as to show whether writer is a man or a woman.

General sessions will be held in the Convention Auditorium, a few steps from the Grand Union Hotel. Other meetings will be held in the Grand Union.

Arrangement for space for commercial exhibits should be made direct with the

manager of the Grand Union Hotel. Committees of the Association desiring space should communicate with the Secretary of the A. L. A.

Saturday, July 6, will be observed as "New York State Library Day." The Association and its affiliated societies and friends will be the guests of the New York State Library at Albany, stopping off there for the day on the way home. The following plans have been made for our entertainment, and reported to the Secretary of the A. L. A. by Mr. J. I. Wyer, Jr.:

11 a. m.-12:30 p. m. Exercises commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the New York State Library will be held in Chancellor's Hall in the State Education Building. The principal address will be made by the chairman of the Library Committee of the Board of Regents, Hon. Chester S. Lord, of Brooklyn, or in case of his necessary absence, by Hon. Charles B. Alexander, of New York City. Brief addresses are expected from the architect of the building, Henry Hornbostel, and from former directors of the State Library, to all of which response will be made by President Montgomery.

1 p. m. A complimentary luncheon will be tendered by the Regents of the University, served in the Law Library on the second floor.

2-5 p. m. Conferences and visits of inspection to the New York State Museum on the fourth floor of the building and particularly to the different library divisions and sections. Despite the fact that Saturday is a half holiday the reading rooms are always open and the members of the staff will be in attendance at each division and section. Parties will be formed under competent guides to make a tour of the building; while those who do not care to join such parties, involving perhaps a mile or two of walk, will be welcomed in any section whose work may be of special interest.

Former students of the Library School

will be asked to meet in a room to be designated later, in the Library School suite, for some special ceremony.

Good trains, east, west and south, leave in the neighborhood of five o'clock, and the New York boat leaves at eight. The exercises have been delayed until 11 a. m., so that there may be no unpleasant rush in getting down from Saratoga Springs, which is little more than an hour away.

The Education Building is but a few minutes walk from the Union Station; several car lines connect the two, so that it has not been thought necessary to provide special transfer facilities.

PROGRAM

GENERAL SESSIONS

First Session, Monday, July 1, 8 p. m.

(Convention Auditorium)

Call to order by the President.

Address of Welcome—Thomas E. Finegan, Deputy Commissioner of Education for New York State.

President's Address: Civilization—Thomas Lynch Montgomery, librarian Pennsylvania State Library.

Informal reception in the Ball Room of the Grand Union Hotel will immediately follow adjournment.

Second Session, Tuesday, July 2, 9:30 a. m.

(Convention Auditorium)

Reports of officers and committees.

Most of the reports will be printed in advance and distributed to members, and will be read only by title and ordered printed as a part of the Proceedings.

Reports of the War Service Committee.

The reports will include those of the chairman of the committee, J. I. Wyer, Jr.; the chairman of the sub-committee on Finance, Dr. Frank P. Hill; and of Dr. Herbert Putnam, general director of the Library War Service. The reports will be printed in advance and only brief

oral summaries will be presented at this session.

Camp Library symposium, conducted by Carl H. Milam, assistant to the director, Library War Service.

What men read: (a) In camps—M. S. Dudgeon; (b) In hospitals—Miriam E. Carey.

Sending books "over there"—W. H. Brett; Asa Don Dickinson.

How the camp library reaches every man—Joy E. Morgan; Frederick Goodell.

A day in camp—Lloyd W. Josselyn; John A. Lowe.

Is it worth while?—Adam Strohm.

An opportunity will be given for the general discussion of each topic.

Third Session, Wednesday, July 3, 9:30 a. m.

(Convention Auditorium)

Business.

Libraries and the U. S. Food Administration—Brief statement by Edith Guerrier, director of the Library Section of the Food Administration.

What our library is doing to help win the war—a symposium.

The county and rural library—Mary L. Titcomb, Washington County Free Library, Hagerstown, Md.

The city library—Hiller C. Wellman, City Library, Springfield, Mass.

The state library—J. I. Wyer, Jr., New York State Library.

The university library—J. C. M. Hanson, University of Chicago Libraries.

What Canadian libraries are doing to help win the war—George H. Locke, Toronto Public Library.

Fourth Session, Thursday, July 4, 2:30 p. m.

(Convention Auditorium)

Conference "Sing"—Led by Chrystal Brown, Y. M. C. A. Song Leader, Camp Lee, Va.

Poems of the War: Author's readings—Carl Sandburg, Chicago.

Address—(Speaker to be announced).

Fifth Session, Friday, July 5, 9:30 a. m.
(Convention Auditorium)

The future of library work—Arthur E. Bostwick, St. Louis Public Library.

The spirit of the War literature: (a) Poetry—May Massee, editor *The Booklist*; (b) Prose—George F. Bowerman, librarian Public Library of the District of Columbia.

Memorial resolutions for James L. Gillis and Henry E. Legler.

Report of the committee on Resolutions.

Report of the Tellers of Election.

Unfinished business.

Adjournment *sine die*.

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

(This schedule is only tentative and minor changes are liable to be made.)

Monday, July 1

Afternoon—Executive Board.

Evening—First General Session (followed by informal reception).

Tuesday, July 2

Morning—Second General Session.

Afternoon—National Association of State Libraries, American Association of Law Libraries (joint session), Trustees Section.

Evening—Catalog Section, Children's Librarians Section, National Association of State Libraries, Camp Librarians Round Table.

Wednesday, July 3

Morning—Third General Session, Council (on adjournment of General Session).

Afternoon—League of Library Commissions, Lending Department Round Table, American Association of Law Libraries.

Evening—Agricultural Libraries Section, National Association of State Libraries, League of Library Commissions (joint session), Round Table of the Libraries of Religion and Theology, American Association of Law Libraries, Training Class Workers Round Table.

Thursday, July 4

Morning—Free.

Afternoon—Fourth General Session.

Evening—6:30: Library School Dinners,

8:30: National Association of State Libraries, League of Library Commissions (joint session), Agricultural Libraries Section, Special Libraries Association.

Friday, July 5

Morning—Fifth General Session.

Afternoon—Professional Training Section, Government Documents Round Table, Special Libraries Association, 4:30: Council.

Evening—6:30: Library School Dinners, 8:30: College and Reference Section, School Libraries Section, Special Libraries Association.

Saturday, July 6

Morning—Celebration of One Hundredth Anniversary of founding of New York State Library. Meeting at New York State Library, Albany.

Afternoon—Guests of New York State Library, Albany.

COUNCIL

The Council will meet on Wednesday morning, July 3, after adjournment of the general session; and also at 4:30 p. m. on Friday, July 5. The program is not yet completed.

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES SECTION

First Session, Wednesday Evening, July 3

Joint meeting with National Association of State Libraries and League of Library Commissions.

Libraries and the food problem, a symposium—Henry N. Sanborn presiding:

For State library extension commissions—speaker to be announced.

For State libraries—speaker to be announced.

For Agricultural libraries—Claribel R. Barnett, librarian Department of Agriculture Library.

For Public libraries—Carl B. Roden, librarian Chicago Public Library.

For United States Food Administration—Edith Guerrier, library and exhibits section, United States Food Administration.

For United States Boys' Working Reserve—H. W. Wells, associate director, United States Boys' Working Reserve.

For Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense—speaker to be announced.

Second Session, Thursday Evening, July 4

A program for library extension work at Iowa State College—Vera M. Dixon, assistant librarian, Iowa State College.

The sources of agricultural statistics—Mary G. Lacy, reference librarian, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Official agricultural literature—speaker to be announced.

Reports of committees.

CATALOG SECTION

Tuesday Evening, July 2

War Department indexes—Willis F. Se-wall, Adjutant-general's office.

Cataloging economies, a symposium—May Wood Wigginton, Louisville Free Public Library; Grace B. McCartney, Rochester Public Library; Adah Patton, University of Illinois Library; Thomas F. Currier, Harvard College Library.

Reports of committees.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS SECTION

Tuesday Evening, July 2

The program for this section has not been completed.

COLLEGE AND REFERENCE SECTION

Friday Evening, July 5

Preservation of bound newspapers—H. M. Lydenberg, reference librarian, New York Public Library.

Instruction in bibliography and the book arts in colleges and universities, a discussion led by A. S. Root, librarian Oberlin College Library, and George P. Winship, librarian Widener Library, Harvard University.

University and college catalogs in university libraries, a discussion led by J. C. M. Hanson, associate director, University of Chicago Libraries.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SECTION

Friday Afternoon, July 5

The war and library training—Frank K. Walter, vice-director New York State Library School.

Some experiments in secondary training: Psychological tests conducted in training classes of the public libraries of Brooklyn, Chicago, Detroit, Portland (Ore.) and Washington—Dr. Elsie Murray, professor of psychology, Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.

Neighborhood apprentice class—Emilie Mueser, librarian Lucas County Library, Maumee, Ohio.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION

Friday Evening, July 5

The reading of the adolescent and its service to patriotism—Speaker to be announced.

Discussion.

TRUSTEES SECTION

Tuesday Afternoon, July 2

The general subject for consideration will be "What the trustees can do in aid of the Library War Service."

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUND TABLE

Friday Afternoon, July 5

Government documents relating to the War—H. H. B. Meyer, chief bibliographer, Library of Congress.

LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

First Session, Wednesday Afternoon, July 3

The functions of the library commission in reconstructing the world after the War—Melvil Dewey.

Certification of librarians and standardization of libraries, a symposium by representatives from various states.

Second Session, Wednesday Evening, July 3

Joint meeting with Agricultural Libraries Section and National Association of State Libraries.

Third Session, Thursday Evening, July 4

Joint meeting with National Association of State Libraries.

Discussion on method of control of state supported library activities.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARIES**First Session, Tuesday Afternoon, July 2**

Joint meeting with American Association of Law Libraries.

Workings of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention—Lawrence B. Evans, state librarian of Massachusetts.

Report of committee on Legislative information service.

Report of committee on Skeleton index.

Report of committee on Boards and commissions.

Second Session, Tuesday Evening, July 2

Address by the president—Gilson G. Glasier, librarian Wisconsin State Library. Collecting and cataloging official War documents—Dr. R. D. W. Connor, North Carolina Historical Commission.

Collecting local War material in New York State Library—James I. Wyer, Jr., director New York State Library.

The Connecticut military census and some of its functions—George S. Godard, state librarian of Connecticut.

Report of committee on Public archives.

Report of the secretary-treasurer.

Election of officers, and other business.

Third Session, Wednesday Evening, July 3

Joint meeting with Agricultural Libraries Section and League of Library Commissions.

Fourth Session, Thursday Evening, July 4

Joint meeting with League of Library Commissions.

Round table and discussion of legislative reference work and state library exchanges.

Work of New York Municipal Reference

Bureau of the Conference of Mayors and other City Officials—William P. Capes, secretary.

State library exchanges—Mrs. M. C. Spencer, state librarian of Michigan.

Recent changes in library laws—A. J. Small, law librarian, Iowa State Library.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES**First Session, Tuesday Afternoon, July 2**

Joint meeting with National Association of State Libraries.

Second Session, Wednesday Afternoon, July 3

Emergency legislation in the United States and the British Empire—Frederick C. Hicks, law librarian, Columbia University.

Third Session, Wednesday Evening, July 3

Editing the New York Session Laws—John T. Fitzpatrick, law librarian, New York State Library.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

It is expected that meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings and Friday afternoon. The program has not yet been formulated.

CAMP LIBRARIANS ROUND TABLE**Tuesday Evening, July 2**

A round table for discussion of matters of interest to camp librarians will be conducted; Joseph L. Wheeler, assistant to the director, A. L. A. Library War Service, will preside.

ROUND TABLE OF THE LIBRARIES OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY**Wednesday Evening, July 3**

Informal discussion will be held.

TRAINING CLASS WORKERS ROUND TABLE**Wednesday Evening, July 3**

An informal discussion will be held upon topics of interest to those concerned in training class work.

LENDING DEPARTMENT ROUND TABLE

Wednesday Afternoon, July 3

Elimination of the use of readers' cards—
Jeannette M. Drake, Los Angeles Public
Library.

Best methods of lending routine—speaker
to be announced.

Discussion will follow each paper.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

There will be a meeting of the Bibli-
ographical Society of America during the
A. L. A. Conference.

The program has not been completed,
nor the time of meeting chosen.

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY DAY

Saturday, July 6

The Association and its affiliated socie-
ties and friends will be guests of the New
York State Library at Albany, to attend
morning exercises commemorating the one
hundredth anniversary of the library.

After a luncheon tendered by the Re-
gents of the University, the afternoon will
be spent in visits of inspection to sections
of special interest.

TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENT

Saratoga Springs is thirty-nine miles
north of Albany, N. Y., on the Delaware
and Hudson railroad. It is easily reached
by train from all parts of the United States
and Canada. There is little prospect of
any special rates being granted for the
Conference, or of being able to secure a
fare that will be much, if any, less than
twice the one-way rate, plus the eight per
cent war tax. Still the fares from New
England, the middle states, and the mid-
dle west, will be found quite reasonable,
and as far as can now be predicted the
summer service will be about as in former
years. No special train service will be
allowed, though the Travel committee
hopes to secure certain concessions, such
as special Pullmans to Saratoga from Chi-

cago without change, and Pullmans from
Boston. Pullman reservations will be
made for party use, and this year the war
tax of ten per cent on seats, or berths,
must be added to the usual rates.

RAILROAD RATES TO SARATOGA

Below are given the one-way through
railroad fares on standard lines, as at pres-
ent in force, tax of eight per cent included.

New York City.....	\$4.54
(Round trip \$8.62)	
Philadelphia	7.53
Washington	11.20
Boston	5.49
*Chicago	22.17
Omaha	34.75
Kansas City	32.56
Des Moines	32.75
St. Louis	26.64
Milwaukee	24.38
St. Paul and Minneapolis.....	32.43
Cincinnati	19.33
Detroit	17.12
Cleveland	14.26
Buffalo	9.29

*From Chicago and other mid-western
points, including all cities shown below Chi-
cago on this table, a rate of about \$2.00 less
than price given is made on differential
lines.

PARTY TRAVEL PLANS

New York Party

Mr. C. H. Brown of the Brooklyn Pub-
lic Library (26 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn)
will have charge of the New York special
party, and the plan is to leave New York
City Sunday night, June 30, at about 6:30
o'clock, by the Albany night boat, transfer-
ring from boat to train for Saratoga at
the dock in Albany. Due to arrive at Sara-
toga about 8:30 a. m., Monday, July 1.

Fare from New York to Saratoga on the
night boat is \$3.43 one way (round trip
\$6.59), but by use of a ten-party ticket,
can be reduced to \$3.10.

Staterooms (accommodating two per-
sons) are \$1.50 and up; or 75 cents and
up for each person, plus ten per cent war
tax.

Inasmuch as travel is very heavy at the

time of the Conference, and as this year's travel accommodations may be less than formerly, *reservations should be made for stateroom berths on the boat not later than June 10, and as much earlier as possible.* Make reservations through Mr. C. H. Brown, remitting to him one-half the price of stateroom ticket (plus tax of ten per cent) and also the amount of party ticket.

Those attending from points which would bring them through New York City are cordially invited to join the New York party and make reservations through Mr. Brown. [The fare from Philadelphia to New York City is \$2.43; Washington to New York City, \$6.10].

From New York several options are available for those not desiring to join the party. The New York Central railroad has service at frequent intervals, taking five hours for the trip, but a change of trains will in most cases have to be made in the Albany depot.

The Day Line boat to Albany leaves about 8:30 a. m. (Sunday excepted), which would not get delegates to Saratoga until about 8 p. m. (Rates by day boat will probably be about \$4.00.)

New England Party

A special party will leave from Boston, South Station, July 1 at 10 a. m. (Framingham, 10:38; Worcester, 11:15; Springfield, 12:40 noon; Pittsfield, 2:30) arriving at Albany at 3:48 p. m., leaving Albany at 4:45, due Saratoga at 6:25 p. m., in time for the opening session that evening. [Verify these times, as summer schedules may make some slight changes. It is possible that an earlier train may be put on from Albany to Saratoga, connecting with the Boston train.]

Fare, Boston to Saratoga one way, including war tax, \$5.49. Register for this trip *before June 20* with Mr. F. W. Faxon, 83 Francis St., Boston, Mass., sending him the money for parlor car seat only. Buy railroad tickets of local agents. Parlor car seats, including war tax, are as follows: Boston to Albany, \$1.10; Worcester to Albany, 88 cents; Springfield to Al-

bany, 55 cents; Pittsfield to Albany, 28 cents. Should it be possible to run parlor car through to Saratoga without change, the additional 33 cents can be collected on the train. It is hoped that all who join the party will decide to take seats in parlor car, though of course coaches can be used if any desire to save the small extra outlay.

Chicago Party

Mr. John F. Phelan of the Chicago Public Library will be in charge of the special party. Arrangements have been completed with the New York Central railroad to operate special Pullman cars, without change, for the exclusive use of the delegates, leaving Chicago Sunday, June 30, LaSalle Street Station, at 5:30 p. m. and reaching Albany at 1:50 p. m. next day. Connections will be made with the Delaware and Hudson train at Albany at 4:45 p. m., arriving at Saratoga Springs at 6:25 p. m., allowing ample time to prepare for the opening session of the convention at 8:00 p. m., Monday, July 1. It is possible that an earlier train may be run between Albany and Saratoga, but between train connections delegates will have opportunity to tour this interesting city.

Railroad and Pullman Rates

It is doubtful whether round trip or summer excursion rates will be in effect this year. The one way fare Chicago to Saratoga Springs is \$22.17, including war tax, and Pullman fare Chicago to Saratoga Springs is \$4.95 (lower berth); \$3.96 (upper berth), including war tax.

Delegates from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and others passing through Chicago are invited to join the Chicago party, and are urged to register at an early date with John F. Phelan, Chicago Public Library, remitting Pullman fare to insure reservation. The time limit for such registration will be June 20.

Check baggage through Chicago to Saratoga Springs, using tags for this purpose which will be furnished upon registration.

POST-CONFERENCE

Although it has been decided not to plan any post-Conference trip this year, a very attractive post-Conference rest is offered through the kindness of Dr. Melvil Dewey. His Lake Placid club, situated in the most beautiful region of the Adirondack mountains, on the shores of Lakes Mirror and Placid, is readily reached from Saratoga by rail on the New York Central railroad via Albany or Schenectady; or via Plattsburgh over the Delaware and Hudson railroad. [Lake Placid is 120 miles from Saratoga by state roads, and would make a wonderful motor trip, and parties of 6, 11 or 14 could be handled that way. It would also be possible to go through Lakes George and Champlain, and reach Lake Placid Club by motor from Westport, 35 miles].

Dr. Dewey will personally welcome any who come to the club, making them members during their stay without admission fee, and thus give all the benefit of a reduction of fifty cents a day on the meals. That is, meals would be \$3.00 a day to the A. L. A. party. One dollar rooms are offered free, or a credit of \$1.00 on any larger room or room with bath, and a charge of half regular price for the difference. This is certainly a rare opportunity for an inexpensive rest-outing among the mountains and Adirondack lakes. To quote from Mr. Dewey's invitation:—"I

will give those who come a library banquet; a forty mile motor trip to our Stonhous farms, gardens, creamery, grist mill; and another thirty mile trip through our Placid farms, with an afternoon on the lake in the club launch, and a camp dinner on 'Moos Yland.' I will give them the free use of boats, canoes, golf courses, tennis, camps, during their stay; other rides, besides the two free ones, at half price for cars or carriages. Our Boston symphony music begins July 8. The party ought to plan to stay at least three days to get a good look at our dooryard, which is now ten miles long, and could remain as long as they wished until rooms were required for the regular tenants. My instinct is to have as many as possible of these hard-worked librarians get an extra nice trip out of it."

It is only necessary to add to the above that no one ever regretted such a visit as that offered, and to ask any who care to go to the Lake Placid club to write to Dr. Dewey there, of their wishes as to rooms and length of stay. *Please write him before June 20* for privilege cards entitling to reductions offered. The Travel committee will make arrangements for transportation if those going will apply at headquarters during the first three days of the Conference.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE,
F. W. FAXON, Chairman.

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SARATOGA CONFERENCE ITEMS

REGISTER AT HEADQUARTERS.

Carry with you to the Conference some thought which perhaps you may pass along to the worker who is confronting to-day what you tackled yesterday.

The Saratoga country abounds in beautiful walks and drives.

It is especially desired this year that

baggage shipped to the Conference city should be reduced to the lowest possible terms. Do not bring a trunk unless it is absolutely necessary. In keeping with the times, simplicity of dress should characterize the meeting of 1918.

Saratoga Lake, an attractive sheet of water, is four miles from the town of Saratoga Springs, and may be reached by trolley and auto. A very pretty public park is situated across the street from the headquarters hotel.

Lake George is about thirty miles distant from Saratoga Springs.

Baggage tags on which name of Saratoga Springs hotel should be written will be forwarded to each person making hotel reservation, in order to secure prompt delivery to hotels.

The following restaurants are available at Saratoga Springs:

Blue Bell Restaurant and Grill, 417 Broadway, one half block from Grand Union.

Favorite Restaurant, 445 Broadway, one block from Grand Union.

Skidmore Tea Room, 340 Broadway, one block from Grand Union.

It is expected that attendance at this Conference will be limited by prevailing conditions. The A. L. A. however hopes that a representative gathering, voicing afresh that concern which the activities of librarians have indicated in the national crisis, may extend its influence with no inconsiderable patriotic stimulus as well as professional incentive to those who miss the privilege of presence at the annual convocation.